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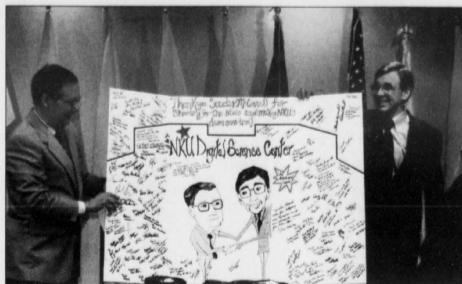
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Senator steps up to bat for NKU



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NKU President James Votruba presents Sen. Mitch McConnell with a card of thanks signed by students and faculty members for his efforts in support of NKU initiatives.

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Sen. Mitch McConnell spoke to a large crowd of students and faculty members at Northern Kentucky University Feb. 20, as the second speaker of TeamNKU's Government and Community Lecture Series. As the majority whip in the Kentucky legislature, McConnell was invited to speak at NKU and receive thanks for his efforts in acquiring \$1.7 million for a digital science classroom in the new Natural Science Center.

"About a year ago it was decided to approach Sen. McConnell regarding putting an earmark into the Federal budget for funding for the facility," Dr. Chuck Hawkins, physics and geology chair. "This was funded up late in

March as a joint proposal from NKU and [the University of Louisville] that included our digital science center and their remote telescope in Australia, plus facilities to view and control the latter remotely from U of L and from NKU."

"As the senator said, he has used his influence in Congress to support higher education in Kentucky, and this project appealed to him in that light, so he gave it his support," Hawkins said. "I know of several projects in astronomy and related areas at universities around that state that have come about due to Sen. McConnell's efforts."

Both NKU President James Votruba and Provost Gail Wells spoke about the benefits the digital classroom will bring thanks to McConnell's support.

Votruba said it was a day to celebrate the digital science center, and introduced

McConnell as an important asset to NKU.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity to say thanks as a university," Votruba said.

Hawkins and students presented McConnell with a plaque for his "ongoing support" in securing funding for the digital science center.

"I think this will be a real showcase for NKU, and the bottom line is that the work of the senator to obtain the funding has been crucial to the success of the project," Hawkins said.

"He has worked consistently to bring to Kentucky projects that we have been left out of in the past, particularly in high tech and aerospace."

McConnell also received a large card designed by NKU student Alicia Combs that read "Thank you for shooting for the

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SGA alters structure

Controversial constitution could introduce big changes

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The Student Government Association senate passed a new constitution on Feb. 18 by a vote of 22 to 3 following weeks of debate, three drafts and multiple revisions.

The constitution has been a controversial issue since it was introduced to the senate at the Jan. 16-18 SGA retreat.

It proposes a policy of "shared governance," or

The five members must be one non-traditional student, one minority student, one international student, and two at-large members, according to the constitution. One faculty and one staff representative will be chosen by the university president to sit on the board, which will be chaired by Dean of Students Kent Kelso.

The board will now distribute funding for SGA, APB, the Student Organization Council, the Legacy Fund and 75 percent of the Programming and Activities Grant.

"[The constitution] gives everyone a chance to participate in the process"

-SGA President
Chris Pace

"It's allowing student government to act as sort of an umbrella for the great mass of students," said SGA President Chris Pace. "It gives everyone a chance to participate in the process."

The constitution will also restructure the Student Fee Allocation Board, which distributes funding for student organizations, and bring it under SGA regulation.

The board will now be composed of the SGA executive vice president, SGA finance chair, SGA vice president for student organizations, APB executive director, and five members appointed by the SGA president.

Pace said a special student election will be held within the next two weeks to approve the constitution. A majority must vote in favor of the bill for it to pass.

If the bill passes, it will be submitted for final approval to the Board of Regents at the March 17 meeting. The constitution would take effect in fall 2004. Pace said changes to the

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Ignatiev: End 'whiteness'

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Abolish the white race.

No, not killing everyone with fair skin, but eliminating the social construct of whiteness, Dr. Noel Ignatiev's "The New Abolitionist Movement" speech in the University Center's Budig Theatre on Feb. 24 addressed how to eliminate the discriminatory nature of race as a social structure.

"Few things in our lives exercise greater influence - on our life chances and how we can expect to be treated - as our racial identification," Ignatiev said. "As a biological category

race is a fiction, but as a social category it's very real."

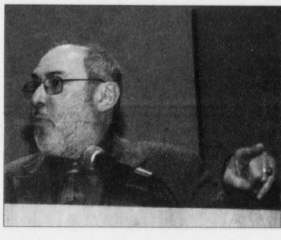
"That is what I propose to get rid of."

Point being that by eliminating the classification of races, discrimination can be erased from the social environment. He said his main goal for people to "look at the United States from a different perspective."

In order to rid society of the restriction of race, Ignatiev said two things must be known: how the idea of race was created, and how it is maintained and influences our lives today.

Racial segregation and discrimination began after slavery was abolished following the

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Tony Redell / Photo Editor
Dr. Noel Ignatiev's speech focused on the "myth" of race.

NKU lowers standard for transfers

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A new academic policy at Northern Kentucky University will allow future transfer students to receive credit for courses where they earned a grade of D+ or D.

The policy will take effect for all new transfer students who enroll in classes beginning in the fall 2004 semester.

The current grade transfer policy states that a transfer student must have earned a minimum grade of C- to be awarded credit.

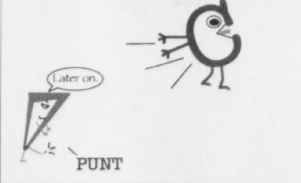
"It seemed that we were requiring more of our transfer students," said Vice Provost Paul Reichardt.

According to Reichardt, NKU is the only public university in the state that does not currently give credit to transfer students for D grades.

"It will bring us in line with the other institutions," Reichardt said. "If [other larger universities] are doing it, it can't be that bad."

The Council on Postsecondary Education had

There is a new minimum on campus, and he's low.



Mike Brennan / Illustrator

Effective fall 2004, new transfer students will receive NKU credit for D grades. The current policy only gives credit for C grades or better.

been suggesting [this] for a number of years to all the public universities," Reichardt said. "This is one of the three main motives for the policy change, according to a memorandum sent to university administrators from Reichardt."

Additional rationales include treating transfer students equally, and

becoming more competitive in recruiting transfer students.

"There's a general principle in terms of transfer work that you're supposed to treat your transfer students like you do your regular students," Reichardt said. "The more you can align the way you're treating transfers with the way you're treating your native stu-

dents, the more solid your policy is."

"Here we were saying to the transfers, 'We won't give any credit for a D.' Here we were saying to the native students, 'Your D's are all right.' So, there was a kind of a mismatch there."

Reichardt also explained how this policy might help increase the number of transfer students that the university recruits.

He believes that if a prospective transfer student is considering NKU, attaining credit for a course and not having to retake it may be an added incentive.

Right now, Reichardt sees this as something other universities have to offer that NKU does not.

"I am convinced by the argument that we ought to be treating all students alike," he said. "And if the other institutions that they're coming from are accredited, and we're accepting their other grades, why wouldn't we accept the D grades?"

Reichardt has received a range of responses from faculty

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MainStrasse cuts loose for Mardi Gras

Who needs to go to New Orleans when you can celebrate the year's biggest party at home? Take a look inside to see how the region celebrated Mardi Gras last weekend.

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FEB 24 2004
Tuesday 3:11 p.m.
Classification: AUTO ACCIDENT - No Injuries
Location: PARKING LOT A
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A non-injury accident involving two (2) vehicles occurred at this location. Both vehicles remained in service.

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Classification: THEFT - Theft By Unlawful Taking
Location: Building Under \$300
Disposition: UNDER INVESTIGATION
Summary: Subject reported a theft from the listed location.

FEB 24 2004
Tuesday 11:40 a.m.
Classification: TOW - Vehicle Tow
Location: FINE ARTS CIRCLE
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A vehicle obstructing traffic was towed from the listed location.

FEB 23 2004
Monday 8:46 p.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop
Location: NUNN DRIVE
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with an expired registration plate. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and Failure to Produce Proof of Insurance.

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Student life introduces philanthropy project

The Office of Student Life is now hiring a student executive director for its "Up 'til Dawn" program, slated to begin this fall. The program is a "major philanthropic effort" to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, according to Stephanie McGoldrick, coordinator in the office of student life.

Teams of six students, led by a student executive board, will carry out fundraisers to benefit the hospital, which is funded solely with donations. "We're talking \$30, \$40, \$50,000, is our goal to raise," McGoldrick said. "It's something new and exciting, and is

going to be really cool for NKU."

Students can apply for the executive director position from now until March 5, and interviews will be held after spring break. Students can apply for executive board positions at the end of March, and planning for the fall will occur over the summer break.

Physicians and researchers at St. Jude have increased survival rates for childhood cancers to more than 80 percent.

Local company donates software to NKU

Greater Cincinnati software company Cincom Systems Inc. has donated a \$150,000 rules-based software development

system to the Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) program at Northern Kentucky University this month.

The system will allow students to develop a prototype to analyze application requirements for international students at NKU. The goal of MSIS students is to make the application system for international students easier and more efficient.

Cincom "builds, sells and supports software for data access and integration, process automation, manufacturing business solutions and business communications," according to its Web site, www.cincom.com.

Garage to alleviate parking problem

Construction is underway on a new three-level parking garage that will provide 600 additional spaces for student vehicles.

According to the Nov. 2003 Facilities Management Presidential Report, the project has a budget of \$9.1 million. Students can access the garage via Kenton Drive and, possibly, from the proposed I-275/AA Highway Connector Road in the future.

By August 2004, 250 spaces are projected to be available. The remaining 430 will be open by spring 2005.

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Nader joins presidential race

Author and civic activist Ralph Nader, 70, announced Feb. 22 that he will run as an independent candidate for president.

His campaign objective is "to take our democracy back from the corporate interests that dominate both parties," according to his Web site, www.voteforamer.org.

Nader first ran for president in 2000 as a Green party candidate and received 2.7 percent of the vote.

Critics have said that Nader took key votes from Democratic candidate Al Gore and cost him the race.

Gov. orders end to same-sex marriages

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told California Attorney General Bill Lockyer Feb. 21 to obtain a court ruling that would put a stop to same-sex marriages in San Francisco. Lockyer has not yet taken action on the directive.

Schwarzenegger said San Francisco has chosen to disregard state law, and that it sets a dangerous precedent that could lead to anarchy.

MSNBC reported that 3,175 same-sex marriages have occurred since the city began issuing same-sex marriage licenses on Feb. 12.

Witness: Williams tried to conceal murder

A landscaping contractor testified in court Feb. 23 that former NBA player Jayson Williams accidentally shot and killed a limousine driver and asked his houseguests to tell police that it was a suicide.

Williams, 35, is on trial for manslaughter after the Feb. 14, 2002 incident at his home. If convicted, he could serve up to 55 years in prison.

NKU digital center is first in nation

Facility will feature cutting-edge software, digital planetarium for students

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Construction will begin this summer on a new Digital Science Center that would become the first high-resolution digital planetarium ever built in the nation.

The digital center would be in the new Natural Science Building and include a planetarium with a 30-foot dome, "smart" classroom equipment and new software and technology. The university has been planning for the new facility for years according to Dr. Chuck Hawkins, physics and geology chair, but a lack of space and funding prevented the beginning of construction.

"The original idea was to put

a planetarium in the Old Science Building in room 401, for use in instruction. It turned out that there was not enough space between floors to accommodate the height needed for the dome," Hawkins said. "In the first plans for the new [science] building, the planetarium was left out, due to space considerations. At one point, Dr. [Jerry] Warner agreed to put it in one of the large biology lecture rooms."

"By the time all was said and done, it was possible to design a space that would accommodate the facility, but the construction and equipment budget was too tight to put in the dome or purchase the hardware and software for the planetarium."

The delay of construction may be beneficial, however,

because now the university can obtain the latest versions of software that have more capabilities than programs that were first available.

"The first generation of digital planetaria essentially just projected black and white star fields and had less resolution than the older opto-mechanical projectors. It could do some line drawing for special effects, but not a lot more," Hawkins said. "This was replaced by a second and then a third generation using high resolution video projectors and a cluster of high performance computers to control them, which meant that literally anything that can be put into digital format can be projected on the dome."


"So now instead of just talking about astronomy, one is

talking about a total immersion video experience ... so that the viewers are right in the middle of it," said Hawkins.

The center could be open for classes by Spring 2005. Students in grades P-12 will also have access to the center, and summer workshops will also make use of the center.

"We will offer programming in a variety of subjects for students from preschool through college," said Dan Spence, the digital planetarium coordinator. "Some of the first things you'll see in will include 'Imagination, Art, and Science,' our first show, two shows in support of our astronomy classes, a 'Tour of the Planets' for visiting schools, a geology program about dinosaurs, and much more in the coming years."

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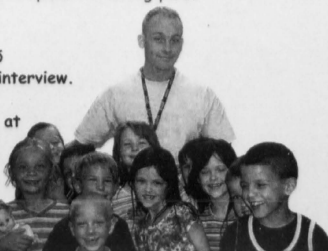
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Civil War. With the advent of Jim Crow laws, people were clearly designated as black, and others as white.

The line was clear. Those laws have disappeared, but "race continues to exercise an influence over modern life," Ignatiev said. But racial influences are not so easily identifiable in the modern era as they were in the past.

He then addressed how these racial influences manifest themselves today.

Most people think that the past, filled with an abundance of blatant discrimination, is dead, according to Ignatiev.

He added, "What many people, particularly white people, do not like to acknowledge is

that the effects of that old discrimination are not all gone."

He said his purpose is not to make people feel guilty about the past, because no one controls what their ancestors did. He wants to work at eliminating the institution of racism and discriminatory practices.

It is not simply a matter of putting the past behind us and "getting over it," he said. The things that are still going on today as a result of the past are what we must address.

"We can do nothing about the past, but we can do something about the present and the future."

He discussed ways racism and discrimination are reproduced or transmitted in society.

For one, he said whites were afforded advantages in the past — property, money, or education. These advantages are transmitted to the next generation through "mechanisms that appear colorblind."

For example, job opportunities are often accessed through social connections or inheritance.

"For historic reasons, those connections are racially coded," said Ignatiev.

There is no racial connotation in helping your son get a

job, but it becomes racial when it is a group of white parents helping their children in a way that black parents cannot.

It's not out of malice that some people are left out of the loop, but this system is handed down through generations.

He calls it the paradox of modern America. "Most people in America do not consider themselves to be racist...yet this is a racially divided society"

-Dr. Noel Ignatiev

racist, do not wish to be racist, and yet this is a racially divided society."

Race continues to operate as an oppressive category, even though people often have the best intentions.

He also mentioned that though the racial difference is minute when examining wages for specific jobs, the difference between household and family wealth is enormous. He stated statistics that show whites having 5 to 10 times more family wealth than black families holding the same job or educational status. This came from a time when the Federal Housing Society helped middleclass families purchase homes.

However, the society operated under racially discriminatory terms by only giving aid to people in certain neighbor-

hoods. They used red circles to mark the areas in which they would not grant monetary aid. These "red-lined" areas were typically black areas, according to Ignatiev.

Therefore, they excluded blacks from federal housing money; a situation that has given generations of whites advantages over blacks, because a house is a lucrative economic advantage.

He ended with, "There is a whole world of possibilities out there, outside of...whiteness."

A student asked how individuals can help abolish whiteness, and Ignatiev answered by saying, "Challenge the mechanisms that are used to exclude people."

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stars and making NKU's dreams come true."

The card featured caricatures of McConnell and Votruba and was signed by students and faculty members.

"This is overly generous for whatever small role I may have played to secure NKU its dreams," McConnell said.

The presentation's focus was the digital classroom, which Votruba said will be the "finest science center of it's kind anywhere in the nation."

The digital classroom will include a planetarium with a 30-foot dome, along with new software and technology.

Votruba said new programs will "help science come alive for so many students" by allowing them to go inside a beating heart or the circulatory system, for example.

Votruba and Wells both said that the digital classroom will benefit the community as well as NKU.

Students in grades P-12 will

have access to the center, and summer workshops will be held there.

Aside from the digital science center, McConnell addressed other pressing political topics facing not only the university, but the state, nation and world.

He said there will be two mega issues concerning students in the fall: "the economy — where are we headed, and the war on terror — where we've been and where we're going."

McConnell said the United States was in a "period of tepid growth" until last summer when the economy was "jump-started," and he is pleased with the decrease in unemployment.

As for the war on terror, McConnell said he is satisfied with the progress and surprised

by those who think the United States is faced by greater dangers since September 11.

"It is absurd to think America is not safer now than it was September 10," McConnell said,

adding it is "noteworthy" that the United States has not been attacked at home since September 11.

"We're working to make sure it doesn't happen again."

McConnell also applauded the "extraordinary young men and women in our military" helping Iraq move toward becoming a functioning democracy.

The senator described his role as majority whip as being the second person in the legislative structure who "whips everyone into line."

As the second ranking Republican in the United

States Senate, McConnell "coordinates the party vote" on important legislation.

After his speech, McConnell answered student questions.

One student asked who McConnell's favorite president was, to which he answered Ronald Reagan.

He said Reagan was a "conviction politician" with a core set of political beliefs, not a convenience politician who only paid attention to polls and criticism and was too soon to compromise.

"Great leaders don't spend a whole lot of time wetting their fingers and trying to find out which way the wind is blowing," McConnell said.


With strong convictions of his own, McConnell proved to be a beneficial asset to the Government and Community Lecture Series.

The Judge Executives from Boone, Campbell and Grant counties will visit in March as a part of the series.

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Kirsten Fleming, department chair of mathematics and computer science, has decided to simply accept the new policy.

"We have to do it," Fleming said. "If I can't control some thing, then it's the case of making the best of it."

Although Fleming agrees that the policy is important in the sense that all students should be treated equally, some of the logistics pose a problem for her.

"I think that there's another aspect of it that hasn't quite been handled yet," Fleming said. "If we're going to treat everyone the same, when those D's come in, they should figure into the GPA. Because if [a native student] gets a D in a class it will go in [his or her] GPA, so if someone transfers a D it needs to go in their GPA as well, so that we're treating everyone the same."

"If we're treating everyone

the same, then I'm happy."

For Tom Zaniello, director of the honors program, this is a much bigger issue than just receiving credit for a course.

"I sometimes worry that people only talk about the credits, and they don't talk about the bigger implication, which is how to make students better learners and how to make professors better teachers," Zaniello said.

"The fact that they got the credits for the D's is one book-keeping, not the real solution or attack of the problem, which is we don't want them to get D's," he said. "How are we going to make sure they're going to get better results?"

"I think I would question giving credit for D's in general," Fleming said.

Because of the way the university is set up, Reichardt believes individual departments still have control over their own

standards.

"Any academic program can say, 'We don't accept D's. You can bring them in, you can count them as elective credit, but they're not going to count toward our major,'" Reichardt said. "So we still got that standard, I think a very strong standard, in terms of our stance on D's."

Fleming said she is fully aware that this new policy will not affect on her department.

"It makes no difference to the major whatsoever," she said. "If someone takes Calc I and gets a D, we're not going to let them into Calc II. If they take Calc I somewhere else and they get a D, we're not going to let them in either."

"Mainly what this touches on, I think, is the general education courses," said Reichardt. "The Council on Postsecondary Education has for a long time now been pushing the public universities to be consistent

among themselves as to what they're counting for general education."

Reichardt also believes that some people are under the false impression that this is a step backwards in light of the new initiative for admission standards, which could be implemented as early as fall 2005.

"This is perfectly consistent with the new admission standards," Reichardt said.

"Faculty [members] are concerned about it because we weren't giving any credit before and it looks like maybe on the surface that we're lowering our standards," he said. "But again, if you look at it from the perspective of what we're doing for our own students, doing the same thing for the students coming in looks a little bit more reasonable."

Under the new admission standards proposal, transfer students would continue to be

admitted under the current policy, with the new stipulation that they must have a 2.0 GPA in order to be considered for regular admission.

"It means if they're below 2.0 grade point average, then we have the right to take another look at them and decide whether or not we're going to admit them."

According to Reichardt, the proposed admission standards have been well received so far, although they are pending final approval by the Board of Regents.

"I think it will take a strong will for the institution to do it because it's a big change," Reichardt said. "We have been an open admission university and people in the community have thought about us as letting everyone in, giving everyone a chance. And it's true—we want to give people a chance. But we've found out there are some

students that have so many academic deficiencies, that they don't have much of a chance here, unless they can reduce the number of deficiencies."

Reichardt also believes NKU's situation has changed, as students now have the option of attending Gateway Community College.

"The admission standards is a step in the right direction," Reichardt said. "Some faculty will say it's not enough, some people in the university might say it's too much, but the committee hopes that it's kind of a reasonable first step toward making sure the students who are admitted really can do college-level work."

Reichardt sees the D grade transfer policy change as a good step for the university as well.

"I think the D policy is defensible," he said. "I think it's the right thing to do."

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SGA election process would take effect in the April 2004 election.

The senate had rejected the constitution at its Feb. 9 meeting by a vote of 18 to 14. The executive board revised the bill and presented it at a special meeting Feb. 18.

Pace said he thinks the bill did not pass Feb. 9 because some senators felt they lacked adequate time to review the constitution.

He said that having an extra week to review the document convinced senators that it was in the best interests of the students to pass the bill.

"I think that the people who voted against it, it was just all personal, and they weren't looking out for the best interests of the students," he said. "Any way you break it down, 22 to 3 is pretty decisive."

Critics of the bill have said it takes autonomy away from individual student organiza-

"If it's truly going to support shared governance and benefit students, then we're supportive"

—Director of Student Life
Betty Mulkey

tions, giving SGA too much power.

APB Public Relations Director Jesse McDonald initially had reservations about the constitution, but said that after consulting with SGA members over the past few weeks, he feels more confident that the constitution does not create a conflict of interests between SGA and APB.

"It looks like they took our suggestions and put them in the

constitution," he said.

"I don't see any reason why we should change what we're doing. This constitution doesn't give me any indication that it will. The fact that the last constitution did change what we do on a daily basis was why we had a problem with it."

Several changes were made to the bill between its first and final drafts.

Student media, included under shared governance in early drafts, was taken out of shared governance due to legal and ethical conflicts over SGA control of media funding.

The RHA and APB senators, originally required to carry out all normal senatorial duties, will now not be required to sit on senate committees.

Student organization funding was originally proposed to flow through the SGA budget, but will now be controlled independently through the fee allocation board.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Fran McQueen / Photographer

Chiropractic... The Choice For Me

Jason Kusma is a Third-Year student from Medford, NJ. He graduated from Itasca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology concentrating in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

"The only thing that has ever captured my attention was studying the human body. The more I learned in school, the more I needed to know. The most logical step for me was to become a Doctor of Chiropractic so I could truly help people."

Before making his decision to attend Logan, Jason visited nearly half of the chiropractic colleges in the United States. "Logan is in the perfect location in a safe, residential area. The Admissions staff are very friendly and helpful and the faculty are excellent."

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viewpoints

Letters to the editor

War necessary; Bush did what he had to

Dear Editor,

My fellow anthropology student, Nathan Brown, used a few quotes to support the notion that President Bush has led us into an unnecessary war. Let me take a look at a few more quotes on the subject of Mr. Hussein's imminent threat.

"One way or the other, we are determined to deny Iraq the capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them. That is our bottom line."

—President Bill Clinton, February 4, 1998

"He will use those weapons of mass destruction again, as he has ten times since 1983."

—Clinton National Security Advisor Sandy Berger, February 18, 1998

"Saddam Hussein has been engaged in the development of weapons of mass destruction technology which is a threat to countries in the region and he has made a mockery of the weapons inspection process."

—Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), December 16, 1998

"We know that he has stored secret supplies of biological and chemical weapons throughout his country."

—Al Gore, September 23, 2002

"We have known for many years that Saddam Hussein is seeking and developing weapons of mass destruction."

—Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), September 27, 2002

"I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass

destruction in his hands is a real and grave threat to our security."

—Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), October 9, 2002

It takes a special brand of gullibility to believe that, for the first time in recorded history, a tyrant capable of murdering an estimated 2 million of his own people, and using the non-denied WMD, is to do it, would suddenly deprive himself of that power voluntarily—particularly when he went to the extraordinary length of kicking the United Nations inspectors out.

Does the myopic radar currently in vogue at the DNC and The New York Times indicate that this is a man with nothing to hide?

Did the discovery of over 20 MIPs buried in the sand last year indicate Hussein's desire to be open and above-board, and should that finding give a general warm and fuzzy feeling of security when the small size of a suitcase nuke and the huge amount of Iraqi sand are compared?

Do pigs on Jupiter square dance?

The United Nations issued resolution after resolution regarding Saddam's WMD. President Clinton bombed Iraq in order to address the WMD issue or cover for Monica-gate, take your pick—and he did so with the full support of his party and the United Nations.

No rap on

Nathan; he's a victim of our left-oriented media, who only wish to view the half of the story that suits their current political purpose, and only report half of what is being said by those in the know.

But in deference to his concern for the 500 military dead, we now mourn because of the current war, I'd like to refer back to the nearly 3,000 dead on September 11, 2001.

They were not military, and they were not expecting to die. They were you and me, simply trying to make their way through a peaceful world so they could go home to their families.

They, and what happened that day, are a very big part of a startling equation.

If we, as students in an institution of higher learning, become incapable of seeing through the verbal and literary haze of the current pathetic crop of would-be commanders in chief and journalists have created—if we continue to think two plus two equals anything but four—that 3,000 could well be 3 million next time around. And one more time: On

November 11, 2001, the London Observer—a decidedly anti-Bush paper for the most part—established the connection between al Qaeda and Iraq, complete with satellite images of an al-Qaeda training camp 25 miles southeast of Baghdad and the fuselage of a Boeing 707, where hijackers were trained. If it walks like a duck...

Dennis Fibel
Freshman, Anthropology

corrections

The *Northerner* unknowingly published a letter to the editor Feb. 18 that contained plagiarized material.

Parts of the letter, "Key senators should keep Bush in check," were found to have been plagiarized from the Web site MoveOn.org.

The staff of *The Northerner* would like to apologize for the oversight. We have taken steps to ensure that the mistake will not happen a second time.

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norse poll responses

Compiled by Brianna Bodine

Why do you think students need to be politically informed and involved?



Scott Schierberg
Sophomore, marketing

"[You] don't have a right to complain if you don't vote."



Amanda Walling
Sophomore, finance

"Kids our age don't realize how much [the issues] affect us. We need to stand up and express our views."



Alexis Fitz
Junior, biology

"Since we don't vote like we should, that's why our tuition is being raised."



Brian Carpenter
3rd year student, business

"Right now college students are the future. Decisions they make have a long-term effect."



Mike Lynch
Sophomore, undeclared

"You should always know what's going on."



Elisabeth Sebastian
Freshman, social work

"If you're in an institutional education, you should know the politics, because that affects the institution."

editorialboard

Pill is back on par

Emergency contraception should be available, but regulated

STAFF EDITORIAL
The Technician
North Carolina State University

Mistakes happen and things do not work out as planned. Such is the case with life, death and pregnancy.

There are many products on the market for the effective prevention of pregnancy. Condoms are widely used and are almost 99 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, if used properly. But what if a couple does not use birth control when they have sex or their birth control method fails and the female is accidentally impregnated?

Time for Plan B, or the Emergency Contraceptive Pill.

Right now, it is available only by prescription, but it may soon become available over the counter in drug stores.

The FDA should approve the sale of the pill over the counter, but there should be restrictions on distribution—who to sell it to and how to package it.

The ECP has the same amount of estrogen as three regular birth control pills, which prevents the fertilized egg from attaching to the uterine wall and is effective up to 72 hours after fertilization; however, for best results, women should take it within 24 hours. (See your doctor.)

There are fears that if pharmacists sell the morning after pill over the counter, other forms of birth control will not

be used in favor of the pill. This is not safe, because ECPs do not protect against sexually transmitted diseases.

Women should only use ECPs for emergencies, not as a primary birth control method.

The cost of the pill is also steep: \$25 for two pills. This should be the manufacturer's suggested retail price, to make it cheaper and easier to buy a 25-cent condom.

The pill should also have age restrictions, like tobacco, alcohol and pornography. Women who are under 18 should go to their doctor or Planned Parenthood to get the pill.

Also, the pill should be sold in one-dose increments and not in super-duper economy size bottles at Wal-Mart for \$3.99.

Part of the requirements for FDA approval is to make sure normal, reasonable consumers can regulate their use of the drug. Limit the doses of the pill sold to one and regulation is under control.

Ultimately, the pill is for emergencies and not for normal birth control uses, because it does introduce a high dose of estrogen into the female body. If a woman needs it over the weekend, when Student Health Services is closed, it should be available, because the next alternative a woman has is abortion.

Which begs the question: Which is more convenient, a condom, a pill or a doctor's visit?

NKU should host summit

Students need to be more educated, aware about politics

BY SHARON SCHUCHTER
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Have you registered to vote and felt discouraged because you didn't know whether to mark the "Republican" or "Democrat" box?

Were you upset because you didn't want to choose a party, you just wanted to vote, and never thought it was so complicated?

Does the word "politics" send cold shivers down your spine, and did you skip the PSC section when choosing general studies classes because you knew that taking a political science class would mean automatic failure?

Does the word "politic" conjure mental pictures of a snarling, baring, evil creature?

So you absent-mindedly checked one of the boxes on your registration card and

turned it in, vowing not to vote until you understood what voting is about.

"Besides," you told yourself, "the government can do what it wants; it doesn't affect my life."

Then your classmate was shipped off to Iraq. Your tuition was raised because the state cut the higher education budget and your college cannot afford to maintain the quality level that you expected.

Because you are a full-time student, you can only work part-time, and your job doesn't offer health insurance to part-time employees.

You got sick because your busy work and school schedule was stressing you out.

Without insurance, the doctor visit and your prescriptions cost \$150.

afford a \$150 doctor bill. If your car breaks down, you're screwed.

You realize it's important to pay attention to what the government is doing. Unlike what you thought, it is affecting you.

However, you still don't know what to get information about politics—it's all so complicated.

Wouldn't it be nice if you just automatically knew how to participate in the voting process, where to get information about who's running and what's important to them (and, more importantly, how it will affect you), where to go when tuition increases, insurance problems, or other social issues anger you?

The *Northerner* published an article Feb. 18 that described a joint resolution proposed by Trey Grayson and Sen. Jack Westwood to create a summit at NKU to discuss the creation of a civic education program.

If successful, the summit could pave the way to better understanding of government among youth.

From a much earlier age, we would feel empowered to take part in our government because we wouldn't have to sift through the less important questions, like, "Am I a Republican or a Democrat?" (we would already know that that meant) and could focus on how to impact policy decisions that are important to us (like whether or not our tuition is raised).

I strongly encourage NKU students, faculty and staff to write to Sen. Westwood to show your support of this summit.

For more information about the resolution, surf <http://kentucky.gov/Portal/Category/GOVERNMENT>, and/or "Trey Grayson," or "Jack Westwood" in the box marked "Search."



Mike Lynch
Sophomore, undeclared

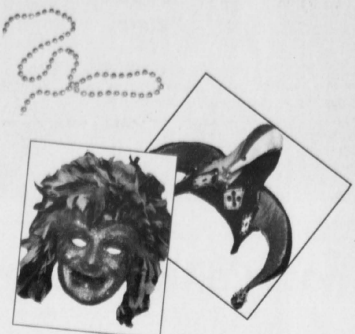
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Mardi Gras



MainStrasse visitors celebrated Mardi Gras with a colorful parade full of floats, costumes, and plenty of beads on Feb. 20.

Last weekend, Covington celebrated Fat Tuesday...

New Orleans style

By SUSAN NELMER

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When it comes to celebrating Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday for those of us who don't speak French), people from the Greater Cincinnati area don't have to go to New Orleans to enjoy the festivities; there is a celebration right in our own backyard.

Northern Kentucky's Mardi Gras party began Feb. 19 and ended Feb. 24.

Mardi Gras is the day before the Lenten season begins, and was so named because for many it was one last opportunity to eat and drink, according to the History Channel's Web site.

Lenten is when many religious followers fast and spurn their bad habits for 40 days, and Mardi Gras exists as a last chance to get the bad habits and indulgences out of your system.

With this in mind, some Northern Kentucky University students started celebrating as early as Friday morning at a party hosted by the radio station WEBN at Jillian's, a bar in Covington. It was dubbed "Crowning Ms. Mardi Gras."

Event coordinator Dylan Speeg said that the Ms. Mardi Gras party began as a way to celebrate Mardi Gras, and to publicize local bands.

"(It) helps local bands and rallies the crowd," he said. A local band played for the crowd, and Pauly Shore was the celebrity guest.

This year's festivity began at 6 a.m. and ended at 10 a.m. People were decked out in beads and outrageous costumes of green, purple and gold, the colors most associated with the event.

In order to earn the title of Ms. Mardi Gras, the women participated in a dry t-shirt contest, and were judged based on

the crowd's approval.

The winner of the title and accompanying \$500 prize was Naomi Alley, a NKU student majoring in construction management.

"It could not have come at a better time," Alley said.

She said she plans to use the money to pay for her mortgage this month.

Alley also said that she plans to compete in more contests, and that it was all in fun and not degrading to women.

For others, the celebration began later Friday evening, with a parade at MainStrasse Village in Covington, Ky.

The parade had a variety of interesting characters and floats, including a flashing pig, a tribute to the Rocky Horror Picture Show, a fire-breathing man, and paper-mached heads depicting Jerry Garcia and other well-known artists.

After the parade, the revelry began.

Police officers could be seen throughout the streets of Covington's German Town, but even more prevalent were the beads, jester hats, beer, and even the occasional flash of a breast—male or female—followed by the traditional shower of beads.

Those who chose to stay outside could drink alcohol and listen to local band The Rusty Griswolds play music in a tent in the parking lot.

The fun was supposedly over when the bars closed at 2 a.m., but laughter and yelling could be heard until the early morning hours.

Saturday night at MainStrasse was much the same as the first: one a big party with plenty of beads to keep the current of excitement strong enough to last through Feb. 24, the official Mardi Gras.

Tony Redell and Mike Brennan contributed to this article.



Many partiers dressed up in colorful costumes.



Police officers kept the peace during the night's festivities.



A fire-breather entertained the crowd in MainStrasse.



Illustrations by Mike Brennan

Student finds inspiration in drawing

By JENNIFER GRAMMER

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Imagine a 6-year-old boy, sitting at the kitchen table, with Grandpa and playing a guessing game. Not the "I see something you don't see, and the color is..." guessing game, but the drawing version of that guessing game—where Grandpa draws a part of an object and the grandchild finishes it.

That 6-year-old boy was Walter Deller, who is now a 28-year-old Northern Kentucky University junior pursuing a major in drawing and illustrating. Instead of drawing with Grandpa, Deller said, he is creating illustrations for the art director at City Beat magazine.

The illustrations Deller has produced for City Beat have ranged in different entertainment issues, such as Black-on-

White versus White-on-Black humor and rap battles, like the one featured in the movie "8-Mile."

Deller said that each illustration takes over four hours to complete. If his creativity is flowing, he doesn't even stop for a bathroom break, Deller said.

For each illustration Deller creates for City Beat, the first image is from a line in the story that catches his attention, he said. He'll then draw several sketches called thumbnails, and then he mix and matches different characteristics from each thumbnail to create his final work. All this work is done inside his sketchbook.

After Deller perfects his illustration, he draws the image on an 11 x 17-inch Bristol board to send back to City Beat, Deller said.

Deller's artwork is unscripted and carries a graffiti-like style. "I like to come up with my

own ideas by exploring my creative side. I'm not scared to put anything on paper," said Deller. Deller said that he has always been fascinated with the idea of drawing. By drawing, he said, he was able "making something pop out of a piece of paper," said Deller.

Along with his Grandpa's influence, Deller said he also admires the work of well-known artists such as Norman Rockwell and C.F. Payne, and the Kabuki comic book artist, David Mack.

But it was after reading Bill Watterson's Calvin and Hobbes comic strip that Deller said he realized that he could draw and illustrate for a living.

Deller has the desire and drive to be a successful artist, he said. His dream job would be to write illustrate his own comic book.

"By writing comic books, you can add something of yourself to the character," Deller

said. Deller said he is pursuing a minor in literature to gain the knowledge he will need to write his comic book. Among the staff at NKU, Deller most admires Kevin Booher, an art teacher.

"I admire him [Booher] because he teaches his students from a real world perspective and teaches us the business aspect of being an artist," said Deller.

Deller's name can be found in the credit section of City Beat magazine, and look for his illustrations in the Film or Music sections.

Deller's first art show will open after Covington's Mardi Gras celebrations are completed at Cosmos, a bar in Covington, Kentucky. In the March 3rd issue of City Beat,

Deller's illustration can be found in Kevin Britton's piece titled "Keep Making Cents."



Photo contributed by Jennifer Grammer
This is just one example of William Deller's work as an illustrator.

campuscalendar

wednesday

- Master Advisor Workshop sponsored by the Academic Advising Council for faculty and staff from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Steely Library 240. The topic is Legal and Ethical Issues in Advising. Please RSVP to Jackie Rowe at rowe@nknu.edu or 572-6901 by Feb. 20.
- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. This is a recruitment event for high school students. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskaddon at 572-1400.
- "How Stretched is Your Rubberband?" A Stress Management Presentation by Zeta Phi Beta in Norse Commons at 7:20 p.m.

thursday

- Zeta Phi Beta is having a Lyrics Lounge at 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- Master Advisor Workshop for advising transfer students from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Steely Library 235. Please RSVP to Jackie Rowe at 572-6901 by Feb. 23.
- Concert Band & Symphonic Winds Concert at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall.
- Secrets to Starting a Successful Small Business from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in BEP 461.

- The Communication Department's Cabinet of Pop Culture presents King Kong near Landrum room 105.

friday

- Corbett Scholars Recital at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall with a \$5 suggested donation

saturday

- The College of Education and the Campus Recreation Department are co-sponsoring a Special Olympics Swim Meet and need volunteers from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. If interested contact Dr. Carol Ryan at 572-5152.

saturday continued

- Northern KY 11th Annual Holiday Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the UC.
- Celtic Concert from 8 to 10 p.m. in Graves Hall. Tickets are required and can be obtained from Melissa at 415-232-2359.
- National TRIO Day: The NKU TRIO programs (Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound) are hosting the state portion of National TRIO Day from 1 to 3 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. This is a recruitment event for high school students. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskaddon at 572-1400.

sunday

- Northern KY Fly Fishers fly-tying classes from 7:30 p.m. in Applied Science & Technology Building room 254.

monday

- NKU Orchestra Concert at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall.
- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. This is a recruitment event for high school students. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskaddon at 572-1400.
- The Belland Piano Trio Faculty Recital will be at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall.

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The Cincinnati Highland Dancers (above) will perform in a Celtic music and dance concert at NKU Feb. 28.

Photo contributed by Melissa Volk

NKU to host Celtic concert

By AMIE VOGT

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Cincinnati's premier Celtic music and dance concert, "Highland Blast," will make its debut performance at Northern Kentucky University Saturday, Feb. 28 at Graves Concert Hall.

The concert will begin with traditional marching pipe band music, and turn into a modern view of bagpipes mixed with rock and roll, according to Melissa Volk, a dancer, manager for the Celtic Rock Band "Knocknagael," and a University of Cincinnati alumna.

The concert will consist of three

groups of Scottish, Irish and British music and dance: Knocknagael (Volk's band), Mad Anthony Pipeband and the Cincinnati Highland Dancers, Volk said.

"Celtic is a genre," Volk said. "It is a big category for Scottish, Irish and British music and dance, but mostly Scottish."

The instrumental concert is filled with sound by traditional pipes, drums and dance, along with the new sound of Celtic rock and Scottish bagpipes.

The performances appeal to audiences of all ages and make for an entertaining show, according to Volk.

The majority of the performing groups are college-aged students,

some from NKU. In fact, one of the dance instructors for the Highland Dancers is Louise Reid, a former NKU dance professor.

The groups are all based in Cincinnati, but they perform and compete all around the Midwest and Canada.

They have played locally in the Celtic Festival at Coney Island and in the Celtic Lanes Festival at Union Terminal. This is the first time the three bands will play together, however.

Admission is free and the doors will open at 8 p.m. The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m.

You can get more information about the bands and future shows at the Web site www.knocknagael.com.

THEATRE REVIEW

Cast shines in NKU's 'Superstar'

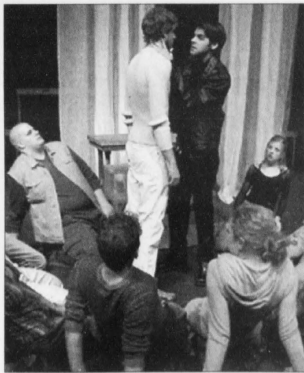


Photo contributed by Mikki Reynolds Schaffer
Aaron Lavigne stars as Jesus (white) with Rodrick Justice as Judas.

By AMY EHRENREITER

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With a full house every night, the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" has been a success at Northern Kentucky University. The show presents the last week of Jesus' life leading up to his crucifixion.

Director Ken Jones' musical production uses talent, catchy songs and inventive choreography to wow the audience.

The show stars Aaron Lavigne as Jesus and Roger Justice as Judas. Judas is a tough role. It's not easy to play a bad guy, especially when you're the antagonist to Jesus Christ.

The emotion and feeling Justice poured into this role, however, made the audience empathize with a character who betrays his leader and his friends.

The role allowed Justice's talent to shine before the audience.

The production begins with Judas singing in anger toward Jesus.

The connection between

Judas and Jesus felt real, as if their bond was truly deep.

The pain and anguish that Judas experiences when he betrays Jesus is felt in every fiber of the audience's being.

Lavigne shined especially bright during "The Last Supper" scene.

The way he connected with the 12 apostles led the audience to appreciate the close relationship Jesus built during his time on earth.

The dancing apostles are introduced in quick succession. Dressed in urban, down to the selected twelve set the mood for the production.

In their performance of "While the Buz?" the cast displays obvious talent.

The diversity and skill of this cast was tremendous.

Dressed in layers, the apostles were able to change from their characters into people on the streets moving again in the song "The Arrest."

The group once again lifted their voices in anger, transforming from their characters — a transition that fit in perfectly with the play.

The costumes set the mood

for this urban production.

Jesus is dressed plainly in white and Judas in bold black leather.

The symbolic contrast of the colors accentuates the different personalities of the characters.

Jones added a new twist to an old tale.

He did not try to hide the set changes. Instead stage hands, dressed in normal clothing, openly brought out the props.

It seemed Jones dwelled on the fact that, this is only a production.

He wasn't trying to be over-the-top with elaborate sets, but attempting to deliver the message of the story.

The simplicity of the set enhanced, rather than detracted from, the performance.

The characters used only necessary and versatile props.

For example, the table used for the Last Supper was also used as cage walls for Jesus' arrest.

The musicians, as well as the

actors, used the stage. They

could be seen playing in the

background behind a transparent

screen.

Seeing the musicians with the

actors at work allowed for a

dramatic feeling to the perfor-

mance.

The lighting was executed in perfect harmony with the mood of the show, adding the perception of the entire spectacle.

The show first debuted in 1971 with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It made a comeback in 2000, and now in 2004.

This performance was the first Jesus Christ Superstar I'd seen, and I came away impressed.

A winning cast bubbling with chemistry, a rock band playing the notes, and lights creating the perfect mood, all created the greatest collaboration I've seen at NKU.

Sluggish faculty and staff can see the show at Corbett Theatre until Feb. 29.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

General admission is \$10. Faculty and staff pay only \$9, and students pay \$6.

For tickets, contact the NKU Theatre & Dance Box Office at 859-572-5464, or visit its Web site at boxoffice@nknu.edu.

The show is sponsored by NKU Department of Theatre and Dance.

Disney offers students jobs, experience

By JENNIFER GRAMMER

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Are you scrambling to find the perfect internship — one that provides you with real life experiences and, let's face it, enough to survive on?

How about one that is smart, sunny, and filled with smiling faces?

NKU students can have a job worth putting on a resume, earn credit toward graduation, and amass a wealth of knowledge by participating in the Walt Disney World internship program.

There are approximately 3,000 students from around the country who live in Florida and work at Disney World for a semester, according to Nicholas Wagner, sophomore, undergraduate.

Wagner is one of three NKU campus representatives whose

job is to promote the Walt Disney World (WDW) College Program.

The program provides students with a paying job, customer service skills and life experiences, Wagner said.

Senior Rebecca Hensley, organizational studies, is also a campus rep for Disney.

"Students should get involved in the WDW College Program because it is a great learning experience," she said.

"You get paid to work for a Fortune 100 company, you meet wonderful friends, and you get a chance to network and job shadow, as well as volunteer opportunities. All while having fun!"

While in the Disney program, students live together in apartments located inside the WDW resort land.

They have a choice of jobs inside the parks.

There are about 20 different jobs to choose from, such as

custodial work, food service, merchandise, lifeguard or character role-playing, according to Wagner.

Not only do students get to live in sunny Florida for about five months, but they also get outstanding benefits.

These benefits include: a paycheck, discounted merchandise, free access to parks, free shuttle rides from apartments to parks, and a chance to attend educational classes.

The classes offered through the WDW internship are "recommended by the American Council of Education," said Hensley.

There are a wide variety of classes available to students, such as hospitality management, experiential learning, the Disney Marketing U, and the Disney Practicum course.

(Before signing up for any courses during this internship, see an advisor for possible co-op credit.)

The internship consists of living, learning and earning components, according to the WDW College Program Web site.

Constant interaction with the public will help students strengthen their communication skills and build a network of personal contacts.

For example, when Wagner left for his internship in the fall of 2002, he was a shy, quiet kid who had never held down a job.

"I have completely changed. I'm a thousand times different," he said.

After working in the WDW program, Hensley said she now has "excellent customer service skills" that she uses everyday.

She said this internship offers adventures to all students who choose to work at Disney World.

It introduces students to real-life experiences and gives them the chance to meet new people.

Wagner said the most impor-

tant thing he took away from his Disney experience was his new friends.

The best part is now I can talk to people all across the country," he said.

Now Wagner, Hensley and Julie Maggard are representatives for WDW at NKU.

Six hundred schools are involved with this program, and at each campus the Disney representatives promote the internship.

Students participate in an interviewing process to become a campus representative.

Once a veteran internship student becomes a representative, they hold that position until they graduate or resign.

Each semester the representatives work at motivating students at their university to attend the WDW presentation.

At this presentation, a group of WDW employees speak with students about the internship program. They address issues

such as what to expect, what jobs are available to choose from, where living quarters are located, and which classes students can attend.

NKU will host a WDW presentation Thursday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. in room 11 of the University Center.

After the presentation, interested students can set up interviews with one of the WDW presenters.

These interviews are real job interviews and determine which lucky students will travel to Orlando, Fla.

Applications are filed online only and can take up to 40 minutes to complete.

Visit the WDW College Program Web site at www.wdwcollegeprogram.com for more information on the program.

MOVIE REVIEW

Teenage travelers get lost in Europe

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In case your life isn't filled with enough naked people and dirty jokes, "Eurotrip" wants to fulfill your needs.

Directed by Jeff Schafer and written by Alec Berg and David Mandel (three ex-'Seinfeld' writers), "Eurotrip" exposes the adventures of four friends, fresh out of high school, as they trek around Europe.

The main character Scott (Scott Mechlowicz) and his sidekick Cooper (Jacob Pitts) travel over the Atlantic Ocean in the hopes of finding Scott's attractive German pen pal Mieke (Jessica Boehrs).

Scott, thinking Mieke is pronounced "Mike," sends her a drunken E-mail telling her to get lost after she tells Scott she

wants to come to America to visit.

After discovering it's a female name pronounced "Mekah," Scott decides to locate Mieke to mend the relationship. Cooper tags along to indulge in "freaky European sex."

Once in Europe, drunken, sex-filled, slapstick escapades ensue. The buddies team up with their twin pals Jenny (Michelle Trachtenberg from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") and Jamie (Travis Wester) to help guide them around the continent.

The group runs into its fair share of oddballs in each town they visit, including football hooligans (led by Vinny Jones from "Snatch"), a flamboyant Italian (with an excellent performance by Fred Armisen of SNL fame), and a Dutch dominatrix (Lucy Lawless).

The male audience members

may drool over the frequent female nudity, but the women might not get much enjoyment from the full frontal nudity of older men frolicking on a nude beach.

The movie was advertised as being "From the producers of 'Road Trip' and 'Old School'."

Whenever I hear ads proclaiming who the producers are, I become a little skeptical. It makes me wonder why the best thing they could say about the movie was who produced it. The same people that produced "Road Trip" and "Old School" created this movie, yet it hardly encompasses the genius hilarity of either film.

With jokes about incest, bestiality, and S&M, I doubt this is a movie to watch with parents.

With mediocre writing and a cheesy ending, "Euro Trip" is tasteless toilet humor good for only a couple of laughs.



Photo contributed by DreamWorks Pictures
In "Eurotrip," four friends find themselves surrounded by drunken hooligans as they travel through Europe.

MUSIC SCENE

Jarvi directs symphony with skill, emotion

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The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra presented a masterful concert under the direction of Musical Director Paavo Jarvi on Feb. 19 at Music Hall in Cincinnati.

The program consisted of Bohuslav Martinu's "Frescos of Piero Della Francesca," a CSO premier, Tchaikovsky's "Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 35," featuring the violin virtuoso Midori, and Stravinsky's "The

Rite of Spring."

According to the program notes Martinu's "Frescos of Piero Della Francesca" doesn't depict "each of the ten panels as a symphonic poem."

"Rather it was the solemn frozen silence of the whole series that he tried to suggest, by approximating in musical terms the emotional state which is aroused."

Martinu's Jarvi's minimalist gestures passionately evoked the solemn opening string section and the rising musical counterpart in the lower voices.

The heavy orchestration was

like a fresco itself, the lush sounds dripped like stucco onto the ground in front of a great master.

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra managed to wrench every piece of emotion out of this new piece.

The opening statement is in a mezzo-dynamic style very indicative of the style of Tchaikovsky.

Maestro Jarvi allows the tensions to build as the fuzzy sound of Midori's violin begins to peek out from the thick orchestrations.

Midori is a virtuoso that is well known in the city of

Cincinnati.

Her delicate interpretation of this piece is why she's such critical acclaim.

The rising tension as well as the delicate interplay between the orchestra and the soloist showed that there was a real chemistry between these two entities and the man that conducted them both.

Midori was greeted by a rousing standing ovation, experiencing four separate curtain calls.

After intermission, the crowd gradually thinned out and the tension was present in the air as the orchestra walked onto the

stage for Stravinsky.

A woman sitting beside me commented, "I think I might leave, this piece is weird."

And it was.

The haunting English horn or oboe solo abruptly entered as the delicately textured low reeds played a small rising figure against it.

The walking bass line is the only presence of anything continuous. There is some quicking contrabassoon and trombone interplay after the bassoonist's attempt at a rather difficult solo.

A grand pause meshed with the audience's equilibrium.

The smash of a gong heralded the breaking forth of something so driving that it hurts to listen to it. An abrupt ending left the audience with an expectant buzz in their heads.

Listening to this piece was interesting and, judging the audience members' reactions, was a rollicking good time.

Maestro Jarvi's performance was splendid, and the orchestra performed equally well under his baton.

He's brought this orchestra productivity, making it one of the best in the nation, and arguably the world.

Bravo, Paavo, Bravo.

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Sports Scene

Money issues divide teams

When it is going to end: How much longer can George Steinbrenner continue to recklessly throw money at any superstar he wants? How many different ways can the Yankees stick it to the Red Sox?

All of these questions have been asked since the Yankees acquired Alex Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers last week. The thing is, no one knows the answers.

The acquisition of Rodriguez raised an already robust Yankee payroll to \$184 million for the upcoming season. Compare that to the Red Sox payroll of \$58 million. There is no way to compete. Baseball is the only sport on the planet in which half of the teams competing have no chance at the beginning of the season.

The business of baseball is a business of anti-parity. It allows the rich to get richer, and the poor to develop players who undoubtedly will become future employers of the rich.

Who should we get mad at? It is George Steinbrenner, the strict Yankee owner, who apparently has pockets deeper than the Grand Canyon? Or is it the players who appear to have more greed than the ex-CEO's of the Enron Corporation? Maybe we should get mad at ourselves: the fans of the game. After all, if no one showed up to the games, this argument wouldn't even be taking place.

We would all love it if George Steinbrenner was the owner of our favorite team. Unfortunately for non-Yankee fans, he isn't.

The Yankees have turned the baseball economy upside down. General Manager Brian Cashman has been quoted as saying, "You have to spend money to make money." I tend to agree with this statement, but it's necessary to spend the money. They are going to make money no matter what.

What baseball really needs is more salary cap. Forget about that happening. This will never go into effect unless the players' association loses some of the power it currently holds. After all, it is the most powerful union in any industry in America.

Where else can an employee get fired for not performing up to potential, and yet still get paid?

The Yankees' roster includes five players who will make \$100 million before they can complete their contract. It also includes 17 former All-Stars, two former MVP's, and 23 players who have played in the postseason.

Who knows how long this will take before it gets resolved, how much it will affect the history of baseball, and how much money the Yankees will continue to pay for superstars.

For now we will have to root for our underfunded teams and watch a ten-team race every season. It doesn't look to be getting any better. The Yankees like spending money, as much as everyone likes to hate them for doing it.

Most things in sports can be unpredictable. Not baseball. While the games, the tradition, the players and the atmosphere will continue to draw fans in, the competition won't.

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INDIANAPOLIS — David Logan and Jacon Wright combined for 45 points and 14 rebounds Saturday night as the University of Indianapolis posted a 93-81 win over NKU.

Logan tallied 21 of his 23 points in the first half Saturday, as Indianapolis built a 42-35 lead. The Greyhounds never trailed in the second half and led by as many as 16 points.

Wright, a senior center playing in his final home game for Indianapolis, scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half. He was unstoppable inside, grabbing a team-leading nine rebounds, with five offensive

boards. Robby Rollins added 11 of his 15 points in the second half, and he also dished out five assists. Indianapolis shot 61.5 percent from the field in the second half and finished at 56.9 percent for the game.

Jesse Rupe led NKU with 19 points and 11 rebounds, while teammate Steve Purdon added 16 points. Kevin Reinhardt finished with 12 points, and Mike Kelsey and Pat Cary each scored 10 points.

NKU shot 46.9 percent from the field, but the Norse made just 13 of 23 free throws.

Indianapolis improved to 19-

6 overall, 12-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. NKU dropped to 15-13 overall, 8-10 in the GLVC.

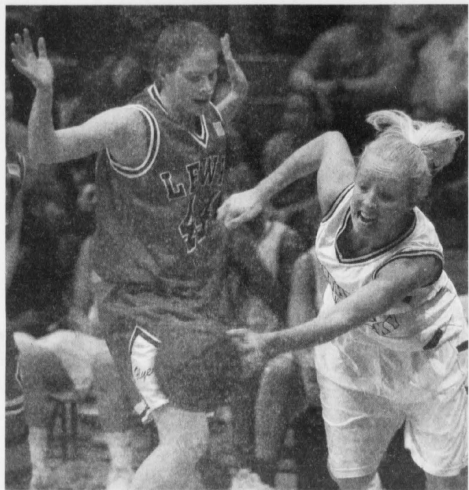
The Norse play at Bellarmine University at 8 p.m. Thursday night. NKU closes out the regular season next Saturday at Kentucky Wesleyan College. NKU is in seventh place in the GLVC standings entering the final weekend of play. The Norse have clinched a spot in the upcoming GLVC Tournament, which will be played March 5-7 at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind.

*Article by Sports Information



Senior Adam Howell drives to the basket versus SIUE this season. Howell finished with seven points and four assists in the loss to Indianapolis.

Women lose to Indianapolis in last seconds, despite effort



Senior Jessica Brock's last-second shot fell short and paved the way for a dramatic INU victory over the Lady Norse.

INDIANAPOLIS — Sara Strahm made a free throw with 10.7 seconds remaining in the game to snap a 49-49 tie as the University of Indianapolis women's basketball team held off Northern Kentucky University, 50-49, Saturday night at Nicolson Hall.

After Strahm's free throw gave Indianapolis a 50-49 lead, NKU's Jessica Brock hurried the ball up the floor and attempted a 10-foot leaping jumper from the right side of the lane. But the shot missed, Indianapolis controlled the rebound, and time expired.

Strahm finished with 12 points as Indianapolis improved to 19-6 overall, 13-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Amy Wieser also added 12 points for the Greyhounds, who rallied from a three-point deficit in the final minute of play.

Indianapolis built an 11-point lead (38-27) midway through the second half, but NKU used a 19-6 run to take a 46-44 advantage when Nikki Perkins hit a jumper with 2:48 remaining in the game. The Norse still held a 49-46 lead with 1:50 left on the clock after Kaitlen Graham made a short jump shot in the lane.

Strahm converted two free throws with 31 seconds remaining to cut NKU's lead to 49-48. After an NKU turnover, Amanda Norris was fouled with 12 seconds left and she

made the first free throw to tie the game 49-49. She missed the second attempt, but Strahm grabbed the offensive rebound, drew a foul with 10.7 seconds remaining and made 1-of-2 free throws to give Indianapolis the victory.

Connie Myers led NKU (16-8 overall, 11-7 GLVC) with 14 points, while Graham added nine points. The Norse, however, made just 7-of-17 free throws and lost the rebounding battle by a 36-29 margin.

NKU is tied for fifth place in the GLVC standings with the University of Wisconsin-Dixie going into the final weekend of the regular season. The Norse go to Louisville, Ky. this Thursday for a game at Bellarmine University.

Bellarmine will enter the game with an 18-7 overall record. The Knights are in second place in the GLVC with a 14-5 mark.

The Norse will then play in the GLVC Tournament March 4-7 at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind.

The winner of the GLVC Tournament will receive an automatic berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament. NKU was ranked No. 7 in last week's NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region poll.

The top eight teams in that poll will qualify for the NCAA Division II Tournament.

*Article by Sports Information

Baseball team looks to improve record

Strong pitching, speed, improved offense should help Norse return to GLVC tournament play this season

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The Northern Kentucky University baseball team opened a new season Feb. 14 at Cumberland College with hopes of bouncing back from last year's disappointing finish. The Norse split the two game series, losing game one by a score of 3-1, and winning game two, 5-1.

The team will attempt to improve upon last season's 28-24 record, in which its failure to make the conference tournament was a first in Head Coach Todd Asalon's three-year tenure at NKU.

"I think we're much improved over last year," Asalon said. "We have a different look this year compared to last year: we're bigger and faster. The strength of our team will be pitching. We have everybody back, and have added some junior college guys and freshmen that will be good."

Sophomore righthander Derrick Moeves, who had a record of 4-4 and an earned run average of 5.24 last season, leads the deep pitching staff. Seniors Mike Marksbury and Chris Unkrut, along with newcomers Matt Wiendeman and Rick Wood, should solidify the starting rotation. Justin Seiter, last year's team leader in saves,

will anchor the bullpen. According to Asalon, the Norse should be much improved on the offensive side of the ball as well.

"Justin Mundt, a transfer from Tennessee Tech, should be batting leadoff, and can see some problems. We need our fast guys to get on and our big guys to drive them in," Asalon said.

Keith Jackson hit 300 last season and will bat third in the lineup and is expected to produce big numbers both in runs batted in and steals. Jerrod Fraley and junior college transfer Alex Frank will protect Jackson in the middle of the lineup by providing much-needed power.

The Norse have a host of young talent this year to complement the returning players. Freshmen Matt Wagers from Hamilton High School, and Andrew Bradley, out of Moeller High School, will be in the starting lineup, playing third base and rightfield respectively.

Matt Marksbury will most likely be a mid-week starter and a key contributor on the mound. Aaron Crenshaw and Ben Wrobleksi will also see some time, adding a lot of depth to the infield.

On March 6 the Norse will kick off a spring trip against powerhouse programs Valdosta State, Florida Southern, and St. Leo's.

to get our guys out there, and see what the best teams in the country really look like," Asalon said.

"We need to see better teams to make us better for our conference. Once we come back from Florida we can say that we won't play anybody better than that."

Currently, St. Leo's is ranked 19, Valdosta State is ranked 20, and Florida Southern is ranked 21 according to USA Today.

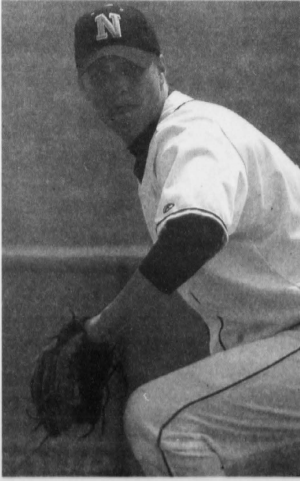
Ben Wrobleksi, freshman third baseman/outfielder said, "Bring it on. Those teams are nothing we can't handle. I can't wait to go to Florida and rough up on all those teams. Pitching and speed wins games and we get both of them."

Whatever the outcome in Florida, the Norse will have their work cut out for them in this region as well.

USA Today ranked rival Great Lakes Valley Conference teams the University of Southern Illinois at Edwardsville and The University of Indianapolis twelfth and thirteenth.

"Last year we had only one true senior, this year we have about eight or nine seniors who are pretty hungry," Asalon said.

The seniors will have to step up and make the difference for the team this year if the Norse expect to bring the GLVC championship back to Highland Heights and make a run at the NCAA Tournament.



Senior Chris Unkrut is one of several strong players on this season's team. The pitcher finished last season 5-4 with a 3.57 ERA.

hotseat



with John Rasp

John Rasp: Playing a game of HORSE, who wins between the both of you?
Pat Cary: I win. I'm not going to lose to her in anything at all.

JR: Now that you guys are dating, do you cheer more for the men's/women's team that they are playing on?
PC: No. Usually I just sit in the stands and mind my own business.

JR: If you guys were playing on the same team in a two-on-two game, which men's/women's players would give the both of you the most trouble?
PC: Betsey would have the hardest time with Connie, because she is really good. For

me, probably Walt (Mike Kelsey) because he can shoot and get by me pretty easily because I'm so slow.

JR: Fact or Fiction: "Love and Basketball" is the best basketball movie ever made?
BC: Fiction. I think the best basketball movie is probably Hoosiers.

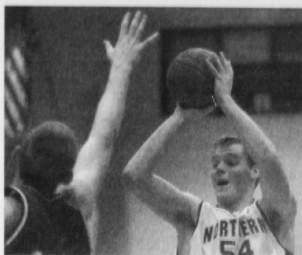
JR: What would Betsey say was her best game this year?
BC: I have no clue.

JR: Men's assistant Dave Bezold versus women's assistant Brian Neal. Who wins?
BC: Bezold. I've seen him shoot before and he's a really good shooter.

JR: Who gets madder after a loss, you or Betsey?
BC: Me, because I'm always mad after we lose.

JR: What were the big plans for Valentine's Day?
BC: There weren't any. After the game (went triple-over-time) it kind of all got screwed up. We didn't get out of there to almost 10.

JR: What player/players give you the hardest time about going out?
BC: (Kevin) Schappell. He jokes around a lot about it.



Tim Downer / Assistant Photo Editor
Junior Pat Cary is having a successful first season for the Norse.

Wolves and Nets face off in key game

Football Picks



with Dominick Wise

Washington Wizards vs. Toronto Raptors

This is the second game of the season between these two teams. In the first meeting in November the Wizards killed the Raptors 96-60. Since then, the Raptors have been heading in the right direction. It may have something to do with the trade for Jalen Rose.

A gang of injuries at key positions have taken its toll on this team.

Rose ended up getting injured and has missed a good amount of playing time, and it is uncertain when he will return.

Vince Carter recently went down with an ankle injury and is expected to be out for a week or two.

The sensational rookie Chris Bosh has been out with an injury as well. Bosh returned this past weekend has seemed to regain his form, however.

This team will continue to struggle with these three key players out of the line-up. On the other hand, the Wizards are also reeling from the injury bug.

One good note is that they've gotten Jerry Stackhouse back to go along with Gilbert Arenas. These two form one of the most dynamic offensive duos in the league.

The team's other star player, Larry Hughes, just recently went down with an injury and his return date is also uncertain.

Hughes is a big part of this team. Without him, they have been struggling to score. This team has lost its last five games by an average of 22 points.

Something has to give between these two struggling teams. I think the home field advantage will play a factor in this game.

I look for Bosh and Donyell Marshall to have a big game. At least the Raptors play hard every night.

It seems like the Wizards have thrown in the towel on this season. This team needs discipline in every way. When you watch this team play, they just don't seem to play with any kind of fight or passion.

I look for them to continue struggling the rest of this season. They should be in good running for a lottery pick in this year's draft.

Prediction:
Raptors 92 Wizards 85

New Jersey Nets at Minnesota Timberwolves

This is my game of the week: the best in the east versus the best in the west!

This game has all the best position match-ups: Sam Cassell versus Jason Kidd, Kenyon Martin versus Kevin Garnett, and Latrell Sprewell versus Richard Jefferson.

This game could be a preview of the NBA finals. It is the first meeting of the season between these two teams, both of whom have been playing great basketball.

The Nets have been rejuvenated under new coach Lawrence Frank. Frank brings more discipline, passion, and fire to the game than ex-coach Byron Scott. The Nets are starting to make a late season run like they did last year that took them to the NBA finals.

Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin have been playing good

basketball. Martin has been tearing up the inside and Kidd has been delivering some unbelievable passes as usual.

Kevin is the MVP of the league this year, and it will be a crime if he doesn't get the award. KG has been producing almost a double double every night.

Sam Cassell's been playing better than most people have expected. He finally got his invitation to the All-Star game. Two weeks ago he became the second oldest player in NBA history to make his all-star game debut.

The other member of the big three is Latrell Sprewell. He's played a major role in the Wolves' surprising season. This team seems to get better every night.

This team is getting healthy at the right time. Wally Szczerbiak has just returned to provide yet another scoring threat for this offensive-minded team.

If they keep playing the way they have been playing then they might just get out of the first round of the playoffs. Something that has plagued this franchise for years.

This game should be entertaining, with a thrilling finish. I think it will come down to the last possession.

I look for Garnett to have big game with another double double and Kidd to have big game scoring and passing the rock.

Richard Jefferson and Kerry Kittles will need to step up their game if they want to have a chance to win. Cassell versus Kidd will be an intriguing match-up; neither really has an advantage.

I think Garnett and the Wolves will be looking forward to protecting their home court and will prevail in the last minute of this close game.

Prediction:
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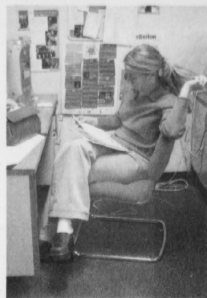
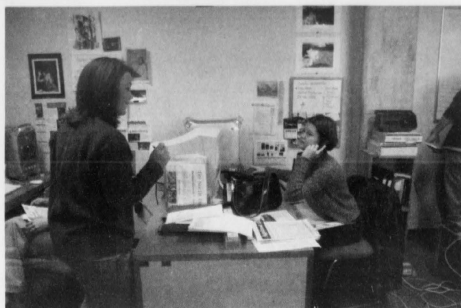
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